

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1467 - SB 1263

March 11, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes an injured employee to choose a treating physician when accepting medical benefits under workers' compensation law. Makes other changes regarding the selection of physicians under workers' compensation law. Removes current law requiring panels of physicians to be provided to injured workers by employers.

Establishes that it is a Class C misdemeanor offense for a person to interfere with an injured employee's selection of an authorized physician, or to improperly influence or attempt to influence a medical opinion of a physician who has treated or examined an injured employee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the Bureau of Workers' Compensation, this legislation will have no significant impact on the Bureau.
- This legislation is estimated to have no significant impact on the workers' compensation policy administered by the Division of Claims and Risk Management or the Risk Management Fund.
- This legislation establishes a new Class C misdemeanor offense for a person to interfere with an injured employee's selection of an authorized physician, or to improperly influence or attempt to influence a medical opinion of a physician who has treated or examined an injured employee.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption:

- This legislation is estimated to have no significant impact on commerce or jobs in this state.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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